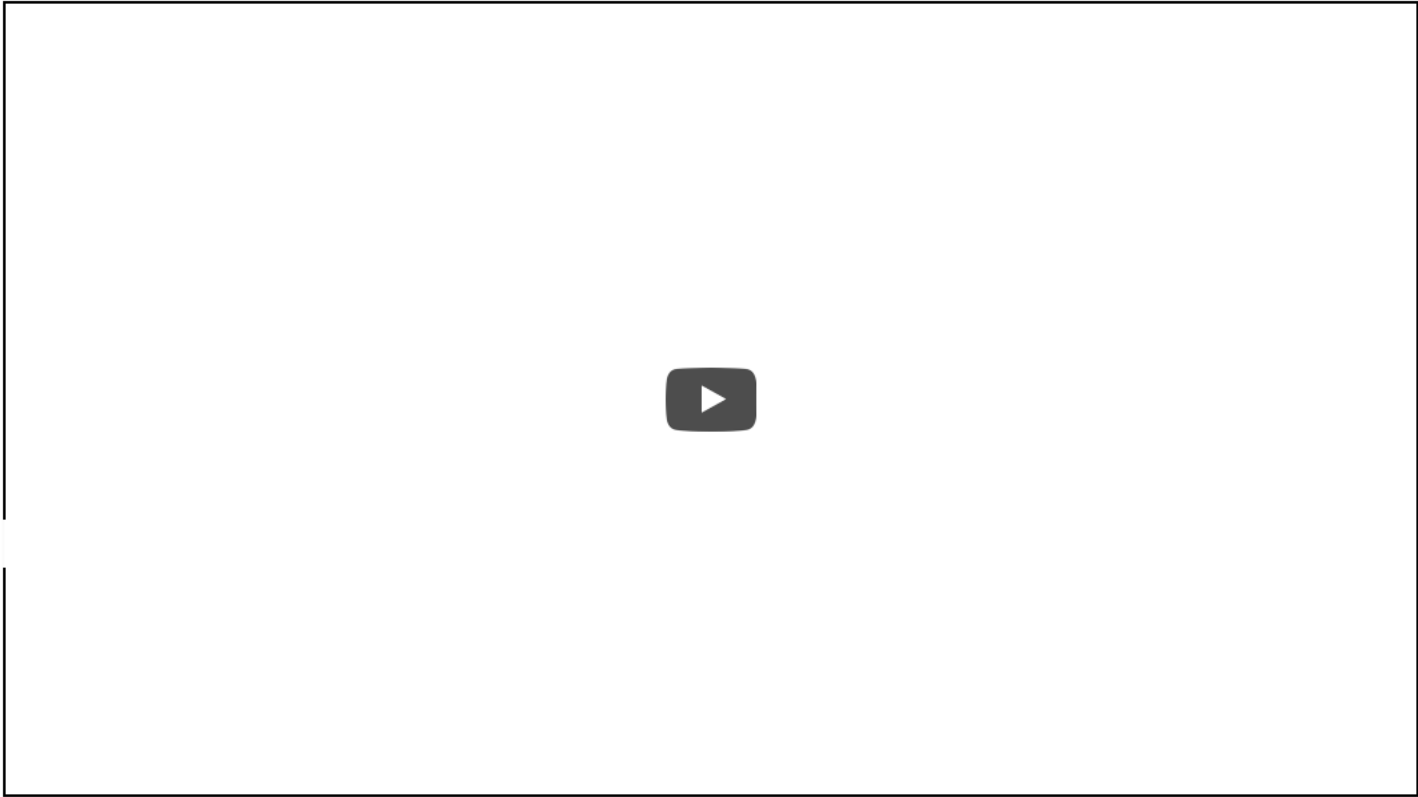


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Speakers:


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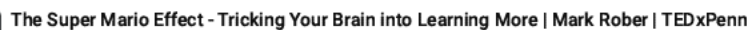
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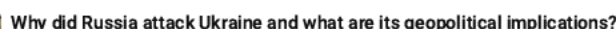
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1 (CLIP: 1:38-3:19)

2 ALEX STAMOS: The election integrity  
3 partnership started with our team in Stanford sending  
4 a group of interns to go work with the -- the cyber  
5 security and infrastructure security agency at the DHS  
6 to work election security. And what these interns  
7 found is, there's a lot of opportunity for them to  
8 contribute to the technical components of election  
9 security. They also found that there was a lack of  
10 capability around election disinformation. This is  
11 not because CISA didn't care about disinformation, but  
12 at the time they lacked both kind of the funding and  
13 the legal authorizations to go do the kinds of work  
14 that would be necessary to truly understand how  
15 election disinformation was operated.

16 So because of the feedback and the ideas  
17 from this group, we were able to pull together pretty  
18 quickly a project between four different institutions  
19 to try to fill the gap of the things that the  
20 government cannot do themselves. There are kind  
21 of four major stakeholders that we operated with that  
22 we worked beside at EIP. Our partners in government,  
23 most particularly those in CISA and DHS, but also in  
24 all of the local and state governments with whom we  
25 operated with -- with the election integrity

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1 infrastructure ISAC. We worked with civil society  
2 groups such as NAACP, MITRE coming cause and the  
3 healthy election project that worked at both MIT and  
4 Stanford, and then we also worked with the major  
5 platforms, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, TikTok, Reddit,  
6 Next Door and the like. I mean, some of those cases  
7 we had agreements for access of data. In other cases,  
8 we had to have individual analysts go work with them.

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2 ALEX STAMOS: We find very little evidence  
3 that there's any foreign involvement at all. In fact,  
4 the vast majority of election disinformation in 2020  
5 came from Americans who had verified accounts and very  
6 large follower accounts.

7 So as one of the big changes that we point  
8 out in our report is that this information is much  
9 less about massive amplification. It's honestly less  
10 about things like algorithms and algorithmic  
11 amplification. It's a much more important factor now  
12 is that there are large follower account political  
13 partisans who are spreading misinformation  
14 intentionally, doing so in a multi-media context. So  
15 they're doing so online, on social media, but they're  
16 also doing so on cable news, doing so on the radio,  
17 through a variety of different outlets and are able to  
18 amplify their message and to motivate their followers  
19 to go try find evidence of the incorrect claims that  
20 they're making.

21 Where does this leave us for 2022 and 2024?  
22 So the election integrity partnership was a project  
23 just for 2020. We are looking at options for these  
24 different groups to work together in the future  
25 elections, but there is going to have to be work in

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1 the federal government level to decide, one, who is in  
2 the government is going to own disinformation as a  
3 problem. That is something that for at least in the  
4 American domestic context has not been figured out.  
5 And second, what kind of role should the academic and  
6 the NGO sector play here?

7 And one thing we're going to have to figure  
8 out is, not just from a funding perspective, but from  
9 a privacy and data access perspective. One of the  
10 things that continues to happen is, we continue to get  
11 tighter and tighter privacy laws being passed around  
12 access to online social media data, and as long as  
13 that is happening, we're going to have to take into  
14 account those issues, and the need for academic  
15 research when passing those laws.

16 So this is something that we're going to  
17 continue to write about and talk about as we work with  
18 our partners to figure out how the same kind of  
19 function that the EIP filled in 2020, can be filled by  
20 somebody in 2022 and 2024.

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## About the Speaker

**Renée DiResta, Technical Research Manager, Stanford Internet Observatory**

Renée DiResta is the Technical Research Manager at the Stanford Internet Observatory, a cross-disciplinary program of research, teaching and policy engagement for the study of abuse in current information technologies. Renée investigates the spread of narratives across social and media networks, with an interest in understanding how platform design intersects with user behaviors and crowd dynamics. Her work examines the ways in which distinct actor types leverage the information ecosystem to exert influence - from domestic activists promoting health misinformation and conspiracy theories, to well-resourced full-spectrum information operations executed by state-sponsored actors - and draws on those findings to consider policy, education, and design responses.

Renée has advised Congress, the State Department, and other academic, civic, and business organizations. At the behest of SSCI, she led outside teams investigating both the Russia-linked Internet Research Agency's multi-year effort to manipulate American society and elections, and the GRU influence campaign deployed alongside its hack-and-leak operations in the 2016 election. Renée is an Ideas contributor at Wired and The Atlantic, a 2020 Emerson Fellow, a 2019 Truman National Security Project fellow, a 2019 Mozilla Fellow in Media, Misinformation, and Trust, a 2017 Presidential Leadership Scholar, and a Council on Foreign Relations term member.

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1 (CLIP: 0:33-1:49.)

2 RENEÉ DIRESTA: So in August 2020, students  
3 from the Stanford internet observatory were doing an  
4 internship with CISA and they identified a massive gap  
5 in the capability of federal, state, and local  
6 governments to become aware of, to analyze, and to  
7 rapidly respond to mis and disinformation, both  
8 foreign and domestic, targeting the 2020 election.

9 Now that gap had several components. The  
10 federal government wasn't prepared to identify and  
11 analyze election miss and disinfo. There was no clear  
12 federal lead to coordinate the work because the IC, of  
13 course, is rightly limited to a foreign focus, and the  
14 FBI also has very specific designations limitations.  
15 CISA had created support but had no real capability.  
16 There were unclear legal authorities, including very  
17 real First Amendment questions. There was no  
18 expertise resident within the federal government to  
19 analyze public content across platforms to identify  
20 transient risks. There was a lack of reporting  
21 mechanisms for state and local partners to service  
22 activity that they saw building in their communities  
23 to help them understand it.

24 The federal government was building  
25 relationships with tech platforms, but there's a

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1 healthy distrust both ways for good reason. So a  
2 trusted nonpartisan partnership with expertise in the  
3 way that misinformation moved on public platforms with  
4 analysts capable of understanding public conversations  
5 and a broader ability to explore publicly available  
6 data was needed.

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1 (CLIP: 5:38-5:47)

2 RENE DIRSTA: And while, unfortunately,  
3 the vast majority of -- vast majority of voting  
4 related misinformation in the 2020 election was  
5 domestic, our team evaluated foreign activity as well.

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1 (CLIP: 7:22-7:58)

2 RENE DIRSTA: Following the success of  
3 EIP and the certification of the 2020 election, SIO  
4 ramped down its monitoring analysis capability because  
5 we thought that we were done with that work. However,  
6 almost immediately we recognized the need to ramp back  
7 up. This time to support government health officials'  
8 efforts to combat misinformation and targeting the  
9 COVID-19 vaccines.

10 In February 2021, we formally established  
11 the virality project drawing on the same partners from  
12 EIP and adding a few more, and much like EIP, it  
13 focused on realtime observation analysis and  
14 understanding of cross platform vaccine-related  
15 misinformation.

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1 (CLIP: 9:58-10:44)

2 RENE DIRSTA: We are never going to live  
3 in a world free of mis and disinformation. Such a  
4 world has never existed, and the government is not  
5 going to snap its fingers and regulate the problem  
6 away, because misinformation is ultimately speech.  
7 And so while there are plenty of conversations now  
8 happening about regulation, most have not yet arrived  
9 at a solution space that protects civil liberties  
10 while reducing harms. And yet, that said, the current  
11 situation is also untenable. So we need something  
12 in the short term to help create situational awareness  
13 for those equipped to counter speak, equipped to  
14 correct false and misleading claims, to help insure  
15 that the public has access to reliable, accurately,  
16 contextualized information and not only from official  
17 government sources, and we believe that the power of  
18 partnerships hold the key.

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# 3RD ANNUAL NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY SUMMIT FOR 2020



The 3rd Annual National Cybersecurity Summit took place September 16 - October 7, 2020, a series of seminars conducted virtually each Wednesday for four weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were more than 15,000 virtual attendees.

The 2020 Cybersecurity Summit brought together infrastructure stakeholders from around the world and provided a forum for meaningful conversations and collaboration on cybersecurity.

Each series had a different theme that focused on CISA's mission, with presentations from targeted leaders across government, academia, and industry.

The themes were:

- Sept 16: Key Cyber Insights
- Sept 23: Leading the Digital Transformation
- Sept 30: Diversity in Cybersecurity
- Oct 7: Defending our Democracy

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1 (CLIP: 6:17-6:50)

2 CLINT WATTS: And I think what's

3 interesting in this time around is how we -- we kind

4 of talked about Russia having the playbook in 2016,

5 and sort of leading the way in terms of how to do

6 disinformation and -- and election manipulation. Now

7 everyone has adopted that approach, and in the

8 domestic scene, it -- it is overwhelmingly more domestic

9 than foreign this time around in 2020, and I think

10 from the Russian, Chinese or Iranian perspective, they

11 must wonder what they can possibly say that would

12 change anyone's mind that's not already being said in

13 the American landscape.

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2 ALEX STAMOS: The bigger issue in 2020, is  
3 going to be domestic, and to be honest, like, it's --  
4 it is domestic and the -- the things that we're  
5 seeing, so we have set up this thing called the  
6 election integrity partnership, so we went and hired a  
7 bunch of students. We're working with the University  
8 of Washington, Graphika, and DFRLab, and the vast, vast  
9 majority of the contact we see we believe is domestic.  
10 You know, some of it you can't tell, but a lot of it  
11 is coming from domestic blue checkmark verified  
12 elites; right? And so I think a much bigger issue for  
13 the platforms is elite disinformation. The stuff that  
14 is being driven by people who are verified that are  
15 Americans who are using their real identities.

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1 (CLIP: 29:24-30:00)

2 ALEX STAMOS: I think we talk way too much  
3 about foreign influence, and let's be honest. I think  
4 we talk too much about it. It's sexy, and it's fun.  
5 And it's a little bit cold wary, but the truth is,  
6 that the vast majority of these problems or the kind  
7 of problems in the information environment are domestic  
8 problems. They're problems in how we interact with each  
9 other of the norms that have been created by online  
10 political speech, about amplification issues, about how now  
11 politicians are utilizing platforms, and so I think  
12 we -- we have like an 80/20 breakdown of 80 percent we  
13 talk about foreign and 20 domestic. I think that  
14 needs to be flipped. And I think the quantitative  
15 social science research supports that idea.

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# Initial Reactions: Disinformation in the 2020 Elections

TUE, NOVEMBER 10, 2020 • 11:00 AM ET

Leaders of the Election Integrity Partnership discuss the mis- and disinformation they saw on election day and how the partnership is fighting against election-related disinformation.

As the global community continues to grapple with the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Atlantic Council is open for business. Our business, meetings, and events, however, are occurring virtually. For more information, please [read an update](#) from our President and CEO.

What happened: Disinformation in 2020 elections





### America's role in the world

Join the Atlantic Council for conversations on the most critical issues at the intersection of domestic and international affairs that will influence this year's US elections.

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Disinformation was a central vulnerability throughout 2020 U.S. elections.

A coalition of premier research institutions came together in the Election Integrity Partnership to detect and mitigate disinformation focused on the election, in particular attempts to delegitimize the voting process and election results.

The Partnership conducted monitoring, including 24/7 during the week of the election, of the information space. It also worked to directly support information exchange between state and local election officials, federal government agencies, social media platforms, civil society organizations, and media. Working together, the Partnership was committed to nonpartisan analysis and building resilience against disinformation — and other online harms — in the 2020 US presidential election.

Please join us on Tuesday, November 10 at 11 AM EST for a critical discussion with representatives from each of the organizations included in the Election Integrity Partnership: the Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab, the Stanford Internet Observatory, Graphika, and the University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public.

While the Partnership will be publishing a comprehensive report of analysis and findings encapsulating the entirety of our effort in the coming months, this discussion is meant to provide insight into initial, expert reactions and lessons learned on disinformation's role in American democracy and what to expect going forward...just as soon as the experts have benefited from a full night of sleep.

The **Election Integrity Partnership** is a coalition of premier research teams focused on supporting real-time monitoring and information exchange between the research community, election officials, government agencies, civil society organizations, and social media platforms. The Partnership, made up of the Atlantic Council's **Digital Forensic Research**

Lab (DFRLab), the Stanford Internet Observatory, Graphika, and the University of Washington Center for an Informed Public, was created to detect and mitigate the impact of election and voting related misinformation.



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1 (CLIP: 22:34-23:25)

2 ALEX STAMOS: You know, an interesting  
3 thing is almost all of this is domestic: right? So  
4 you know, to pre-empt the question that we've got  
5 every single day since election day, there has been  
6 some foreign action. There's obviously a lot of overt  
7 foreign activity, you know, overt, meaning the, you  
8 know, declared media outlets and Twitter accounts and  
9 the like of foreign governments. There has been a  
10 little bit of covert. We're going to talk about it  
11 but nothing that's very interesting. It is all  
12 domestic, and the second point on the domestic, a huge  
13 part of the problem is well-known influencers, and I  
14 think that was a theme that we saw during the entire  
15 week is that you have a -- a relatively small number  
16 of people with very large followings who have the  
17 ability to go and find a narrative somewhere, pick it  
18 out of obscurity and harden -- you know, some kind of  
19 a little idea, one tweet, one photo, one video and  
20 then to harden it into these narratives.

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1 (CLIP: 49:34-49:50)

2 ALEX STAMOS: So, you know, on effectively  
3 pushing the platforms to do stuff. So, yes, there's a  
4 basic problem that they will always be more  
5 responsive in the places that are both economically  
6 highly important and that have huge potential  
7 regulatory impact, most notably right now that would  
8 be the United States and Europe.

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2 ALEX STAMOS: My suggestion, if people want  
3 to get the platforms to do stuff is, first, you've got  
4 to push for written policies that are specific and  
5 that give you predictability; right? And so this is  
6 something we started in the summer, in August, is as  
7 Kate talked about Carly Miller led a team from all  
8 four institutions to look at the detailed policies  
9 of the big platforms and to measure them against  
10 situations that we expected to happen.

11 Now we're not going to take credit for all  
12 of the changes they made, but there -- we had to  
13 update this thing, like, eight or nine times; right?  
14 And so like putting these people in a grid to say,  
15 you're not handling this, you're not handling this,  
16 you're not handling this, creates a lot of pressure  
17 inside of the companies and forces them to kind of  
18 grapple with these issues, because you want specific  
19 policies that you can hold them accountable for. The  
20 second is, when you report stuff to them, report how  
21 it's violating those written policies; right? So  
22 there's two steps here. Get good policies, and then  
23 say, this is how it's violated it.

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## The long fuse: Misinformation and the 2020 election

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A conversation on the release of the Election Integrity Partnership's report, "The Long Fuse: Misinformation and the 2020 Election"

As the global community continues to grapple with the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Atlantic Council is open for business. Our business, meetings, and events, however, are occurring virtually. For more information, please [read an update](#) from our President and CEO.

The long fuse: Misinformation and the 2020 election



Please join us on **Wednesday March 3, 2021** from **3:00-4:30 pm EST (12:00-1:30 PST)** for ***The Long Fuse:***

***Misinformation in the 2020 Election***, the public launch of a comprehensive report tracking mis- and disinformation in the 2020 election cycle. The report was produced by the **Election Integrity Partnership (EIP)**, a coalition of research institutions that worked together to detect and mitigate viral misinformation and to support the real-time information exchange between the research community, election officials, government agencies, civil society organizations, and social media platforms.

The Partnership was set up to monitor false information about the process and results of the 2020 election, in line with the Department of Homeland Security's designation of elections as critical infrastructure in democracies. In particular, the EIP identified and traced the false "stolen election" narrative which would culminate in the 1/6 attack on the US Capitol.

The event will begin with a fireside chat with **Chris Krebs**, the former director of the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), who led the effort to secure electoral infrastructure and the response to mis- and disinformation during the election period. The conversation will contextualize the role and findings of EIP within the government's efforts to prevent the spread of malign information. Mr. Krebs will share his lessons learned securing this election and will discuss how to build resilient electoral systems going forward.

Next, this event will feature a discussion with representatives from each of the EIP Partners: the **Stanford Internet Observatory**, **Graphika**, the **University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public**, and the Atlantic Council's **Digital**

**Forensic Research Lab.** Panelists will discuss the origins and amplification of voting-related misinformation, charting how these narratives evolved over time. The panel will also discuss the evolution of social media platforms' civic integrity policies and the effectiveness of their implementation. Finally, the panel will consider how the EIP can serve as a model for future mis- and disinformation monitoring efforts.

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## The Election Integrity Partnership coalition



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2 EMERSON BROOKING: I think the EIP really  
3 helped push the envelope with things like just the  
4 notion that this pre -- this delegitimization of  
5 electoral processes that we were seeing in the summer  
6 and early fall that this should be against content  
7 moderation policies on these platforms, and  
8 begin to take proactive steps there, but I -- it was  
9 to me a bit disappointing that there was tons of this  
10 misinformation that would continue to circulate,  
11 because bottom line, these platforms are companies,  
12 and they had to hedge their bets a little bit. They  
13 couldn't outlaw the speech of one competitor in a  
14 political process, but after November 3rd, we saw that  
15 market shift where content moderation actions that  
16 were -- we could hardly contemplate a few weeks before  
17 began to be taken. There was a much stronger emphasis  
18 on cracking down on the sort of content we've been  
19 tracking from the beginning.

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From the continuing COVID-19 pandemic through the aftermath of the US election to the influence of problematic state and commercial actors, 2021 has been marked by substantial concerns about the impact of mis- and disinformation on individuals, groups, and society as a whole.

The 2021 symposium of the Digital Publics programme presents the latest work by researchers in the QUT Digital Media Research Centre that tackles these information disorders: applying innovative mixed-methods research approaches to trace the dynamics of mis- and disinformation in online and social media; exploring the role of initiatives that seek to combat the spread of problematic information; examining the public discourse around 'fake news'; and assessing regulatory approaches to mitigating the threat from mis- and disinformation.

Please join us for a one-day symposium that showcases our latest research and plots the course for the coming year!

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Kate Starbird, University of Washington

***Unraveling the Big Lie: Participatory Disinformation and its Threat to Democracy.***

Kate Starbird is an Associate Professor at the Department of Human Centered Design & Engineering (HCDE) at the University of Washington (UW). Kate's research is situated within human-computer interaction and the emerging field of crisis informatics—the study of the how social media and other information-communication technologies are used during crisis events.

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2 KATE STARBIRD: Now fast forward to 2020,  
3 we saw a very different story around disinformation in  
4 the U.S. election. It was largely domestic coming  
5 from inside the United States. There were foreign  
6 activities that were a part of these conversations,  
7 but they weren't playing a major role. Most of the  
8 accounts perpetrating this -- not even the accounts,  
9 most of the entities perpetrating this disinformation  
10 campaign as we and Benkler colleagues saw it were --  
11 they're authentic accounts. They were often blue  
12 check and verified accounts. They were pundits on  
13 cable television shows that were who they said they  
14 were along with, you know, some other anonymous  
15 members of the connected crowd online, but a lot of  
16 the major spreaders were blue check accounts, and it  
17 wasn't entirely coordinated, but instead, it was  
18 largely sort of cultivated and even organic in places  
19 with everyday people creating and spreading  
20 disinformation about the election.

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2 KATE STARBIRD: So we see this -- the  
3 disinformation campaign was top down and Benkler  
4 colleagues talk about it as a top-down elite driven  
5 disinformation campaign, but this campaign was also  
6 bottom up with everyday people sharing their own  
7 experiences, their own misperceptions of being  
8 disenfranchised or finding what they thought to be  
9 evidence of voter fraud.

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